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SUBJECT: MILLIYET REPORTS UPCOMING JACK ANDERSON ARTICLE ON
HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

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1. IN STORY FROM ATHENS QUOTING AN ACROPOLIS ARTICLE,
MARCH 3 MILLIYET REPORTS THAT A JACK ANDERSON COLUMN TO
BE PUBLISHED MARCH 5 IN THE WASHINGTON POST AND THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD WILL SEVERELY CRITICIZE TURKEY. ANDERSON
ALLEGEDLY WILL CHARGE THAT "PRESIDENT CARTER'S (SIC)
HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON TURKEY" WAS INTENDED TO SHOW TURKEY
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IN A FAVORABLE LIGHT AND ENHANCE THE CHANCES FOR PASSAGE
OF THE TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA).

2. THE JACK ANDERSON ARTICLE ALSO IS EXPECTED TO SAY
THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT PURPOSELY LEFT OUT ACCUSATIONS
THAT BOTH THE GREEKS LIVING IN TURKEY AND THE ARMENIAN
PATRIARCH ARE SUBJECT TO SEVERE AND UNENDING PRESSURE.

ANOTHER ACCUSATION ALLEGEDLY NOT INCLUDED IN THE REPORT
IS THAT "INHUMAN AND BARBARIC TORTURE" IS USED IN
TURKISH PRISONS AND "EVEN YOUNG AMERICANS HAVE HAD THE SOLES
OF THEIR FEET BEATEN."

3. THE ARTICLE SAYS RELIABLE SOURCES IN ATHENS CLAIM THAT
JACK ANDERSON WAS GIVEN THE "INFORMATION" FOR HIS ARTICLE
BY ILIAS DIMITROCOPOULOS, AN INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF THE
GREEK LOBBY IN THE U.S. MILLIYET ALSO QUOTESAIOURCES IN
ATHENS AS SAYING THAT THE ANDERSON ARTICLE IS PART OF
A PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE LIFTING
OF THE ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY.
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